

TO-DAY'S NEWS IN BRIEF.

BUSINESS.

Yesterday's bank clearings were \$3,420,000; balances, \$1,177,000. Local discount rates were between 5 and 6 per cent. Domestic exchange was quoted as follows: New York, 80c premium bid, 81c premium asked; Chicago, par bid, 80c premium asked; Cincinnati, Louisville and New Orleans, 10c discount bid, par asked. Wheat closed higher at 85c May; 86c No. 2 red. Corn closed higher at 47c asked May; 48c No. 2 asked. Oats closed at 38c asked May; 39c No. 2 asked. Spot cotton was unchanged in the local market.

LOCAL AND SUBURBAN.

Safe robbers secure \$50 in cash from C. C. Lange.

The St. Louis County Liquor Dealers' Protective Association, alarmed by the temperance wave, will meet Monday to take steps to oppose the crusade.

Arrangements under way assure ample bus service next year.

Grand Jury will investigate reports of gambling in St. Louis.

Pure kerosene water, used to be sold for penny-in-the-slot machines at the World's Fair, the water being piped from the State.

Walter Keating Bannerman, was chosen by Artist Russell as one of the most interesting children in the United States.

A branch of the Actors' Church Alliance of America is to be organized in St. Louis.

Three miners have a narrow escape from death in a coal mine near Belleville.

James L. Blair and his wife went to Florida.

Emma G. Easton secured a divorce from her husband after he had chastised their 2-year-old baby for reaching across the table for food.

In the East St. Louis City Court it was decided that the Suburban Electric Line holds a railway franchise and trains must stop at trolley crossings. The Suburban won the Roy damage suit.

John Mason, who says he is from Atlanta City and when arrested had \$212.50 scattered money among cabmen, bartenders and newboys and paid \$10 for lodging.

GENERAL DOMESTIC.

Governor Richard Yates was yesterday presented with a gold-headed cane in honor of his forty-third birthday anniversary, with the names of the donors inscribed. The Governor returned to Jerseyville from East St. Louis yesterday, made an address, and departed for Springfield.

The reports of violence of the police and the attack on Constable Davis have been confirmed by advice received by the United States Station in regard to the Alexandria affair.

The Montana Legislature adjourns, having passed the "fair trial" bill.

Steel stocks are again decidedly weak, the common selling down to the low record.

The trade reviews agree that retail business is extremely active on account of the approach of the holidays. The iron trade outlook is more hopeful, but that of cotton is far from encouraging to manufacturers and consumers.

Counsel for the widow, Philo S. Bennett in an explanation of the appeal taken from the Probate Court's decision on the will, alleging undue influence on the part of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bryan in the making of the will.

John McGee is hanged at Peoria for murder.

The St. Louis delegation amends its offer to the Republican National Committee and the chances for procuring the convention are said to be brighter than before.

President Francis, Treasurer Thompson and others of the World's Fair Company held conferences with Senators and Congressmen at Washington and felt assured that Congress will grant the loan of \$4,000,000 to the Fair Company.

Judge Waller of Moberly, Mo., is disqualified in the murder trial of William Gaines and William Campbell and Judge Samuel Davis of Marshall will preside.

Both sides rest in the trial of Ben Ayler, millionaire, charged with murder at Carthage, Mo., and the case will go to the jury to-day after the arguments of the attorneys.

Two speeches were made in the Senate on the Cuban reciprocity bill, Mr. McCarty of Kentucky.

Mrs. Bridget Kane, tenant of Russell Sage, who claims the death of her husband was due to being tripped on a defective stair step, has brought suit against Mr. Sage for \$50,000.

Mr. Helen M. Gould is on her way from Richmond, Va., to St. Louis to attend a meeting of the Board of Lady Managers of the World's Fair.

The unexpected death of Baron Arthur de Rothschild was due to albuminuria, complicated with heart disease. He leaves a fortune of \$10,000,000.

Attorneys for R. P. St. Lawrence, prosecuting Attorney of Cole County, who was suspended from office and from practicing in Cole County on charges preferred by Grand Jurors pending trial on indictments against him for the alleged acceptance of illegal fees and railroad passes, served notices on six members of the Grand Jury who preferred the charges, to appear for a notary on December 18 and give opposition in the disbarment case.

A couple are married at Panama, Ill., after a courtship of only three days.

Adolph Mueller of Nashville, Ill., lost his race with a horse out on the road when he learned his wife was dying. He hastened back on the first train, but she died two hours before he arrived.

A brick-paving contractor at Kansas City, Kas., testifies before the Grand Jury called to investigate the charges of boozing that he and his partner, John C. Gough, who came to him and demanded \$1000 before he would use his influence in the Council to approve a paving contract.

Twenty-one children survive James W. Golightly, who dies at Taylorville, Ill.

W. K. Vanderbilt told two ministers who called on him for contributions that there were too many churches in the city and he advised them to reduce the number of churches and cut down on the preachers' salaries.

FOREIGN.

The provisional government tries to repudiate obligations entered into by former governments, but learns that it cannot obtain recognition until those obligations are recognized as still binding.

Herr Lewald is trying hard to reconcile the warring factions of Germany in order to obtain a representative exhibit for St. Louis.

SPORTING.

Harry Forbes is expected to reach St. Louis to-morrow morning.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

New York, Dec. 11—Arrived: Chemnitz, Bremen.

Queenstown, Dec. 11—Sailed: Cymric, Boston.

Liverpool, Dec. 11—Arrived: Cedric, New York.

Naples, Dec. 11—Arrived: Carpathia, New York; Nord America, New York.

Copenhagen, Dec. 11—Arrived: Hekla, New York; Ocean II, New York.

New York, Dec. 11—The steamer Norge from Copenhagen, Christiania and Christiania and for New York, is reported by wireless telegraph as having passed Nantuxet lightship at 4:15 p. m.

COMMONS UNANIMOUS FOR TICKET BILL.

Ordinance Passed Soon After Public Hearing Closes Before Legislation Committee.

MEASURE GOES TO HOUSE.

Privilege Granted to Brewing Company to Build Railroad Tracks Across Ninth and Postolozzi Streets.

After suspending the rules to send the ticket broker bill to engrossment, the Council, by a unanimous vote, last night passed the ordinance which prohibits the sale of non-transferable railroad tickets. The bill received its first reading in the House last night.

Early yesterday afternoon the second public hearing was held on the bill before the Legislation Committee. A. Lindenberg, of Detroit, Mich., accompanied by Benjamin Waagman, represented the ticket men, while Judge Franklin Perrie and John Schreier argued for the World's Fair.

Lindenberg argued that the ordinance, if it became a law, would put the ticket broker out of business. He said the railroad would make all their tickets excursion rates, and there would be no such thing as a ticket that could be lawfully sold. He introduced data to show former decisions of courts, and wound up with a plea for time, which the Council representatives were protesting against, as they were anxious to show the convention of passenger agents, which convenes in St. Louis on January 14 at something about the same time, to the fact that the ordinance would be in effect before the convention.

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INDIANA'S SONS ENJOY BANQUET.

Lieutenant Governor Gilbert Attends Fifth Annual Gathering, but No Novelists Are Present.

The fifth annual banquet of the Indiana Society at the Platters Hotel last night was attended by more than one hundred sons of the Hoosier State.